



Weekly Information & Communication



## Weekly WIC Newsletter

June 19, 2017

### WIC Participant Surveys

On our June 1<sup>st</sup> conference call we discussed participant surveys being sent out to the clinics. There was a slight delay in getting them sent but they are ON THEIR WAY! A few items to note...

- The survey will run from now until early September. We wanted to get a full 3 months pre-eWIC roll out so we can assess participant experience and perception before and after rollout.
- We are sending surveys and survey collection boxes to each independently operating clinic, and also surveys for outlying clinics. Each set of surveys will have a clinic **CODE** on the bottom right corner. It is very important to look for the code and distribute the surveys at the right location. You should see a yellow piece of paper dividing out the sets, but we encourage you to look carefully as collating was not perfect ☺
- The surveys are 3 pages, and then have a blank page. The intent is for them to complete the survey and fold over and tape for dropping into the box. They are NOT stapled (sorry!), please staple them as you put them out so that the pages do not get separated in handling.
- It is requested that you hand them to participants as they check in and ask them to drop them in the box as they leave. We do want to maintain confidentiality (no identifying information) but if they are simply left in the waiting room people may not complete them.  
\*You may print and tape this [sign](#) to the side of the box to draw attention to it, or create your own. Whatever works best to get the best response possible!
- Do not send them back to us. We will collect them when we see you all during eWIC training. They are made of card stock and are heavy, so we want to save shipping costs.

Lastly, there are A LOT of them. We ordered enough for 1 for each family. As it is highly unlikely that each family will complete them, please save the rest for next year.

Let us know if you have any questions!

### FY18 Income Eligibility Guidelines Posted Online

The [FY18 IEG guidelines](#) are now posted on our website. The new guidelines go in effect July 1, 2017. Please print and have available at your work stations. Thanks!

## New WIC Food List

The two-pager quick copy of the [New Food List](#) with a **begin date of September 14, 2017**, should be arriving shortly. Publications and graphics will be mailing out copies to all clinics with separate staff. In case you have not received your copies yet, please print copies for your participants for distribution with their September checks.

## Farewell to Alex Long!

Alex Long is leaving her position with WIC and moving to a new opportunity in the Chronic Disease and Prevention Program. Please take a moment to thank Alex for all of her work across many different areas of the WIC Program and wish her best in her new position. All calls and correspondences to Alex should be temporarily redirected to Kevin ([kmoore@mt.gov](mailto:kmoore@mt.gov) / 444-5530) as we begin the search for a new candidate.

## eWIC Training Sign ups

eWIC is almost here! Time to sign up for the trainings. On the [registration form](#) please complete all the areas and submit it to Lacy. If you have questions regarding eWIC trainings, please contact [Lacy](#). These are due to Lacy by June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## eWIC Information

eWIC is fast approaching! Local agency staff have had great questions regarding eWIC. Each agency has a [Super User\(s\)](#) who have been on monthly conference calls. These Super Users are meant to be contact people for the State Office and for locals. A lot of the state staff are traveling, conducting trainings, etc. so please reach out to the Super User in your area for additional information regarding eWIC. Thanks!

## 2017 Educational Buys

The deadline for Educational Buy completion is rapidly approaching, **7/31/17**. It is encouraged that you schedule your visits with retailers as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. It is important to remind retailers what the purpose of the visit is and the expectations from both the State and Local offices. Please contact [Glade](#) for benefits or should you have any other questions at 444-2841.

## July Time Study

July is another Time Study month. Please start recording your hours worked beginning Monday, July 3rd. If you have any questions, please call [Kelly](#) at 444-0909.

## Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 425](#) Inappropriate Nutrition Practices for Children- 425 is defined as routine use of feeding practices that may result in impaired nutrient status, disease, or health problems.

Some examples of when this code could be used include: a child who uses a sippy cup throughout the day; a child who regularly drinks sweetened beverages; using a bottle beyond 14 months of age; going to bed with a bottle... any many more! Please review the attached guidance for more details and justification.

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